



Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers

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Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrero, distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is David Lowell and I am president of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers (ACAP). ACAP is comprised of the six largest commercial ambulance companies who provide emergency and non-emergency ambulance and medical transportation services throughout the state of Connecticut.

I would like to thank you for raising this very important issue on behalf of all ambulance providers in the state. I offer this testimony in support of Proposed Bill(s) 5261, 5894, and 6225.

These bills all focus on the same common theme of emergency responder safety and the duty of the public to yield to emergency vehicles operating on the scene of emergencies where their emergency vehicles may be positioned in the travel lane or shoulder of such roadways.

Emergency scenes by their nature pose significant risks to emergency responders given the number of variables that may exist with the emergency alone, never mind the added risks of motorists who travel at unsafe speeds, who are too close to the emergency responders, and who are typically distracted by their curiosity of the emergency.

Passage of a bill that requires motorists to yield to emergency responders operating in the travel lane or shoulder of a roadway is responsible and will promote safety for the emergency responders.

We urge your support of a bill that requires motorists to move over, slow down, and stop if necessary to allow for the safe operations of emergency scenes by the emergency responders. We remain available for any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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President